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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (EO, TAGS, SUBJECT ADDED)

EO 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: COMMUNICATIONS/  
NEA MAKRI AND DCS

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1. DURING MAY 9 WORKING GROUP MEETING, GREEK SPOKESMAN  
MACHERITSAS EXPANDED ON AND FORMALIZED ALTERNATIVES  
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TO GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR U.S. COST GUARANTEES REPORTED IN  
PARA 4.G OF REF A. IN PLACE OF COST GUARANTEES, THE  
GREEKS NOW PROPOSE:

A. GREEK PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEFENSE  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN GREECE THROUGH USE OF CIRCUITS  
TO THE EXTENT PREVIOUSLY OFFERED BY THE U.S.

(REF B, PARA 3). (THE GREEKS CONSIDER THE PREVIOUS U.S. OFFER TO BE SOMEWHAT LIMITED. NEVERTHELESS, THEY STATE THAT THEY CAN JUSTIFY THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE U.S. DCS TO GREEK NATIONAL DEFENSE ON THE BASIS OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CERTAIN U.S. CUSTODIAL UNITS WHICH SUPPORT GREEK FORCES.)

B. U.S. LEASE (READ NO-COST LEASE) TO GREECE OF ABOUT \$7.5 MILLION IN EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A PARALLEL HN CAPABILITY AT NEA MAKRI. (WHILE CONTINUING TO EXHIBIT SKEPTICISM THAT U.S. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS PREVENT THE COST GUARANTEES, THE GREEKS REASON THAT THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE EASIER FOR THE U.S. TO SATISFY BECAUSE IT INVOLVES ONLY \$7.5 MILLION, RATHER THAN THE COMBINED COST OF \$22.5 MILLION FOR BOTH A PARALLEL FACILITY AT NEA MAKRI AND EXPANSION OF THE GREEK DCS.)

2. THE GREEKS DID NOT RELATE THEIR PROPOSAL FOR NEA MAKRI TO THE AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE ISSUED. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THEY HAVE DRAWN THE CONCLUSION THAT IF THE U.S. CAN PROVIDE RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT ON A NO-COST LEAST BASIS, IT COULD DO THE SAME WITH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR NEA MAKRI. CONSIDERING OUR CURRENT PROBLEM IN TRYING TO FIND A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE \$5.5 MILLION AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM, WE DOUBT THAT A NEW COMMITMENT FOR ANOTHER \$7.5 MILLION WOULD BE AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE.

3. NOT OFFERING ANY OPINION ON THIS NEW PROPOSAL,  
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WE SIMPLY INFORMED THE GREEKS THAT WE WOULD FORWARD IT TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.  
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